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In re Application of: Andrew Egendorf

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Application No: 09/975,839

Examiner: D. Felten

For: INTERNET BILLING METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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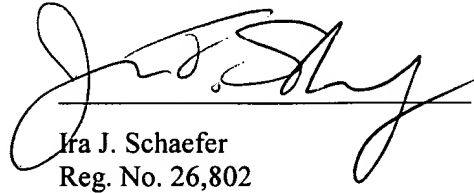
Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance dated February 4, 2005, the Examiner noted his reasons for allowance starting at page 3. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.104(e), applicant would like to comment as follows.

At page 3, the Examiner appears to indicate that the independent claims were allowed because they included the combination of c)-f) on page 3 and the "wherein" clause on page 4. This does not comport with applicant's understanding. Specifically, while all of the independent claims include the combination of c)-f), only some of the independent claims

include the specific "wherein" clause set forth on page 4. Accordingly, it is applicant's understanding that the independent claims that do not include the specific "wherein" clause on page 4, were allowed for other reasons.

Respectfully submitted,



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